



Media Advisory

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INDIANAPOLIS (April 10, 2008) -- A classification error resulted in an incorrect number of initial unemployment claims for Indiana which were submitted to the United States Department of Labor for the week ending March 29, the Department of Workforce Development announced today.

The amended number of initial unemployment claims for Indiana for the week of March 29 is 10,029, and not 14,475 as was originally reported to DOL and released this morning. This represents an increase of 2,997 over the week ending March 22 and not an increase of 7,443 as was reported by DOL today.

The classification error only involved initial claims. The number of continued claims for the week of March 29 was correctly reported at 75,125, a decrease of 1,199 from the week of March 22. A preliminary analysis of recent claims by the Department indicates that many of the new filings are a result of the continued strike at American Axle, which has resulted in shutdowns and layoffs throughout Indiana at several auto manufacturing plants and suppliers as well as facilities in other states.

The DOL has amended the supplemental data on their web site, but has not corrected the news release (Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report) issued this morning.